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**PATENT APPLICATION**

**RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR §1.116  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE  
TECHNOLOGY CENTER ART UNIT 2174**

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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In re the Application of

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Group Art Unit: 2174  
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Application No.: 09/810,534

Examiner: U. Arshad

Filed: March 19, 2001

Docket No.: 108973

For: **OPERATING METHOD AND DEVICE, AND IMAGING PROCESSING  
APPARATUS USING THE SAME**

**AMENDMENT AFTER FINAL REJECTION UNDER 37 CFR §1.116**

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In reply to the July 8, 2004 Office Action, please consider the following:

**Amendments to the Claims** as reflected in the listing of claims;

**Remarks.**